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THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" An early decision will be taken, Sir, before the expiry of the life of the present district boards."

Government Hospital, Rajapalayam

* 1485 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the present bed strength of the Government Hospital, Rajapalayam in Ramanathapuram district; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase the bed strength and staff in that hospital?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) 16, Sir.

" (b) There is a proposal to construct a ward of 20 beds in the hospital."

Suicides in Malabar.

* 1486 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of suicides in Malabar in 1954 and January 1955;

(b) how many were due to the eating of the poisonous fruit called 'Kolambikaya' or 'Manja Arali Kaya'; and

(c) how many due to other causes?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—

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" (a)	498	54
" (b)	81	19
" (c)	417	35 "

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" May I know whether there was any case of attempt to commit suicide in the district of Malabar and if so, whether those concerned have been prosecuted? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I would like to have notice."

Causeway across Thambaraparani river at Karuppanthurai.

* 1487 Q.—SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct a causeway in the Thambaraparani river near Karuppanthurai to connect Tirunelveli town and Melapalayam in Tirunelveli district;

(b) if so, the stage at which the matter stands; and

(c) when it is likely to be commenced?